Genesis 3:10-11 Obedience keeps our relationship with God both open and free; doing evil may get you a short goal, but brings destruction to that relationship. Freedom is not excess, but comes from obedience and knowing what NOT to do. For example, you could step in front of a speeding car--you are free to do so, but...

Deuteronomy 30:15-16 life and good, death and evil Obeying God is in our best interest. Just do it. Today. Now.

Exodus 19:5 How to be a special treasure for the Lord Himself

Jeremiah 7:23 Obey, be His, and things will be well with us

Hard sayings that God wants as our reactions---be perfect, be holy as I am holy, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, give up all, rejoice always and pray without ceasing...

Luke 17:1-10 Be on your guard as to your own attitudes and choices-don't cause a new believer to stumble, forgive always to all, even though the feelings are hurt--It isn't faith that is the key, obedience and humility is the key to right attitudes and choices...that is our duty before God... we are His slaves that owe Him simple and unquestionable obedience, not pride in our performances, but humility and meeting the needs of others and bringing a smile to God's face.

Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle... He that obeys, trusts and he who trusts has faith

Psalm 81:11 disobedience

Jeremiah 7:13 turned a stone ear

Hosea 9:17 disobedience has a severe consequence... but He constantly warns....Obedience is key to blessing and spiritual growth and confidence in God.

Matthew 11:15 choose to listen...

1 Samuel 15:22 The attitude and obedience is the

John 4:23-24 spirit and truth--not in flesh and self-deception. Focus and center your thought on Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:16-17 Just to listen is not enough-obey the report God sends of the Good News of Jesus' work for us in this fallen world.

John 14:23 Obedience shows love of the Master

Revelation 22:14 Blessings come from doing what He says to do, and THEN comes the ok to partake of the Tree of Life, and to enter into the heavenly kingdom honestly and by the front gate.

John 7:17 How to know the voice of God? Obey the Word and learn His commands and the tenor of His voice. Ignore all others, especially the whispers of the enemy, the pressure of the crowd, and the urges of the flesh. Be strong and grow in your faith by trusting and experiencing His grace and truth.

Romans 14:23 Faith is really important towards whether or not you make it through the gates...

Matthew 14:31 doubt indicates little faith, but does not mean you get thrown away--reach out and take His hand.

Matthew 16:8 commended those who took God at his word, and chastising those who questioned...

We don't need to have great faith, but to have faith in a Great God!

Luke 17:4-10 Forgive! Mercy is the foundation of all that leads to grace to forgive... be in loving mercy to others As God is to us! Therein, God can get rid of any bitterness in us and get glory for His name.

Philippians 2:5-8 True disciples do the Word of God

Matthew 7:21 these did their own works in His name, but evidently for their glory

- Exodus 5:9 difficulties come along with obedience as the world reacts to His presence and your obedience...this is suffering for doing good in an evil world...
- Joshua 9:6 Obedience is often challenged by deception and direct confrontation--both opposition to Him. Rely on Him daily and defeat the tricksters...
- Matthew 5:19 Be great or least in the kingdom of Heaven? Your choice. Be a Pharisee or be a disciple... let your heart, works and attitudes be challenged by the Spirit and Word of God! Let Him judge your heart and deeds...it is in the heart where your real allegiance lies... attitude plus action...
- Luke 17:10 Do what is your duty. Period. Self-congratulations is not for the servant of God. We are to obey and humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord. Be focused on Jesus Christ and His cross.

Galatians 2:20 Faith in the Son of God

Galatians 6:14 Glory only in the cross and the name of Jesus Christ

Acts 5:29 "We ought to obey God rather than men"

Obedience allows us to act out our love for God.

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